Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO :—" May I know if there is any possibility of getting the information ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Certainly it will be possible ; but I do not think that the collection of the information will be justified in view of the time and labour necessary for it."

Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO :—" Does not the answer to the previous question show whether the Official Receiver's work is heavy or not ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I do not think so."

Number of second appeals in the High Court for the last five years.

1291 Q.—Mr. K. UPPI SAHIB : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of second appeals, criminal and civil appeals, filed in the High Court during the last five years ;

(*b*) the number of second appeals disposed of during the last five years ;

(*c*) the number of second appeals ready for being heard during the last three years ; and

(*d*) if the Government have no information whether they will be pleased to call for the same ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) A statement [a] is laid on the table.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know the reasons why there has been a steady decline in the disposal of second appeals for the last six years from 1,782 to 1,193 per year ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I am not in a position to answer. I want notice."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether one of the reasons is that considerations other than those of qualifications have begun to enter into the question of appointments to the High Court ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No, Sir."

Forests

Lease of certain forest coupes in North Arcot district to Co-operative organizations.

* 1292 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Chief Conservator of Forests received a letter from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies recommending that certain forest coupes in North Arcot district be leased to co-operative organizations on reasonable seigniorage rates fixed by Government ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that Government have issued a Government Order to all Government departments and local bodies to give preference to Co-operative Labour Unions in giving contracts ; and

(*c*) whether Government will be pleased to confer with the Chief Conservator of Forests in the matter and help the Co-operative Labour Unions in the province ?

[a] Printed as Appendix VIII on page 647 infra.

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The Government will consider the suggestion.

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—"Will the hon. the Law Member favourably consider the claims of the co-operative societies?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"I have stated already that the Government will consider the suggestion. Favourably or unfavourably I am not in a position to say now."

Compassionate grants to the family of Mr. Ponnayya.

* 1293 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state with reference to the answers to question No. 623 answered on 26th November 1928—

(*a*) what the service of Ranger Ponnayya was on the date on which the death took place;

(*b*) whether the Government have considered the peculiar plight of the bereaved family; and

(*c*) whether they have made or propose to make a compassionate grant to the wife of the deceased?

A.—(*a*) The service of Ranger B. Ponnayya on the date of his death was 18 years and 18 days.

(*b*) & (*c*) No application for compassionate gratuity has been received.

Mr. Abdul Hamid Khan :—"If any application for compassionate grant is received, will he consider it favourably?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"I cannot say."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—"Favourably or not, Sir, will he at least consider it?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"Oh, yes; certainly."

Alleged refusal of food supplies to the Forest officers of Sirugudi village.

* 1294 *Q.*—Mr. K. P. V. S. Muhammad Meera Ravuttar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the inhabitants of about thirty or forty villages of Melur taluk, Madura district, organized themselves into a sangam under the leadership of one Mr. Ranganatha Pillai, residing at Urilipatti, Melur taluk, Madura district, and refused food supplies to the Forest officers of Sirugudi village in the above taluk as they were prevented from hunting in the reserve forests near that village;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that upon this the District Forest authorities reported the suffering of these officers to the District Collector, Madura, and requested him to investigate into the affair;

(*c*) what action was taken by the Collector thereon and how the leader of the above sangam, Mr. Ranganatha Pillai, was dealt with; and

(*d*) if the Government have no information, whether they will call for a report and place it on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) to (*d*) The Government have no information but have called for it.